Turn dominance over
Hit and Run, or:
Redressing the poorest
research to ever be.

Between the “Death
of Dogfighting” and the
Jet Age, 6 years where turn
fighting practice took the
measure of “Hit and Run” theory…

-Notes by QAZ, “Aviation Decisive Battle Weapons” P. 164-165, “Unknown Sword” P. 86-89 (Me-109E-7 vs Ki-27): Oblt. Losigkeit: “I think the Bf-109 can shoot when the Ki-27 tries [begins] to turn. [However] **The Ki-27 often turns, so I cannot dive on it**.”

-Drachinifeld, YT, “Zero or Hero?” (Interview with Justin Pyke, UCalgary MA in Military and Intelligence History, @CBI_PTO_History) 59:07 "Intelligence reports assumed **that these tactics (hit and run) indicated the Zero lacked maneuverability**." 59:22 "Judging from their apparently long fuselage, **these planes do not have a small turning circle, and are not very maneuverable**." 59:33 "The Chinese report in question **noted the reluctance of the Japanese *Navy* pilots to dogfight**." 1:00:05 "Chinese pilots report that **the Japanese will not engage in a turning duel**." 1:01:42 **USN pilot comment (1942)**: "In my opinion, **they [Zero pilots] had generally poor fighter tactics: Zeroes could not be shaken by us if they would chop their throttles and sit on our tails**."

-From Osprey "Ki-43 'Oscar' aces of World War 2": P.50: (Sgt Toshimi Ikezawa, Ki-43 ace) "**I heard Major Eto <u>had refused delivery of the Ki-84</u> (640-660 km/h)**.--- **I think we owe our survival to the Ki-43 (540 km/h), as the Ki-84 would have left you in a mighty tight spot if you were attacked from above by P-51s**. ---Skilled (Spitfire Mk VIII, 650 km/h) enemy pilots such as flight leaders **would pull out of their dives** when they realized they could not catch us [unaware]. **New pilots would [continue to] dive straight down on us, leaving them vulnerable in a turning fight**."

-From TAIC Summary No. 3, 08-44, (Captured Ki-43 pilot handbook). Comments: "There is reason to believe that Jap pilots prefer OSCAR to the higher performing TOJO and TONY."

-Capt. Virgil K. Meroney, 487th FS/352nd FG (all 9 kills on P-47s): "If you are bounced from above, you cannot out dive them, since they have more speed than you to start with. Having learned that, **I have always chopped my throttle and turned into them**." (Osprey VIII FC at War, -Long Reach-)

-Unknown FW-190A-8 ace: "Our wings were ***never*** level in combat. We turned to one side without interruption. By 1945 we were so outnumbered, it was the only way to survive."